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ROLL CALL OF THE REEF

By "Q."

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"Yes, sir," said my host the fisherman, reaching down the relics from their hook in the wall over the chimney-piece, "they've hung here all my time and most of my father's. The women won't touch 'em; they're afraid of the story. So here they'll dangle, and gather dust and smoke till another tenant comes and tosses 'em out of doors for rubbish. Whew! 'Tis coarse weather, surely."

He went to the door, opened it and stood studying the gale that beat upon his cottage front straight from the Manacle reef. The rain drove past him into the kitchen like threads of gold silk slanted in the shine of the wreckwood fire. Meanwhile, by the same firelight I examined the relics on my knee. The metal of each was tarnished out of all recognition. But the trumpet was evidently an old cavalry trumpet, and the threads of its particolored sling, though frayed and dusty, still hung together. Around the side drum, beneath its cracked brown varnish, I could hardly trace a royal coat of arms and a legend running, "Per mare, per terram"—the motto of the marines. Its parchment, though black and smelling pungently of wood smoke, was limp and mildewed, and I began to tighten up the straps—under which the drumsticks had been loosely thrust—with the idle purpose of trying if some music might be got out of the old drum yet.

But as I turned it on my knee, I found the drum attached to the trumpet sling by a curious barrel shaped padlock, and paused to examine this. The body of the lock was composed of half a dozen brass rings, set accurately edge to edge, and, rubbing the brass with my thumb, I saw that each of the six had a series of letters engraved around it.

I knew the trick of it, I thought. Here was one of those word padlocks, once so common—only to be opened by getting the rings to spell a certain word, which the dealer confides to you. I was mistaken.

My host shut and barred the door, and came back to the hearth.

"'Twas just such a wind—east by south—that brought in what you've got between your hands. Back in the year 'nine it was; my father has told me the tale a score of times. You're twisting round the rings, I see. But you'll never guess the word. Parson Kendall, he made the word, and locked down a couple of ghosts in their grave with it, and when his time came he went to his own grave and took the word with him."

"Whose ghosts, Matthew?"

"You want the story, I see, sir. My father could tell it better than I can. He was a young man in the year 'nine, unmarried at the time and living in this very cottage, just as I be. That's how he came to get mixed up with the tale."

He took a chair, lit a short pipe and went on, with his eyes fixed on the dancing violet flames.

"Yes, he'd ha' been about 30 year old in January, eighteen 'nine. The storm got up in the night of the 21st of that month. My father was dressed and out long before daylight—he never was one to lide in bed, let be that the gale by this time was pretty near lifting the thatch over his head. Besides which, he'd fenced a small 'tate patch that winter, down by Lowland point, and he wanted to see if it stood the night's work. He took the path across Gunner's meadow—where they buried most of the bodies afterward. The wind was right in his teeth at the time, and once on the way—he's told me this often—a great strip of ore-weed came flying through the darkness and fetched him a slap on the cheek like a cold hand.

"But he made shift pretty well till he got to Lowland, and then had to drop upon hands and knees and crawl, digging his fingers every now and then into the shingles to hold on, for he declared to me that the stones, some of them as big as a man's head, kept rolling and driving past him. It seemed the whole fore shore was moving westward under him. The fence was gone, of course—not a stick left to show where it stood—so that, when first he came to the place, he thought he must have missed his bearings. My father, sir, was a very religious man, and if he reckoned the end of the world was at hand—there in the great wind and night, among the moving stones—you may believe he was certain of it when he heard a gun fired, and, with the same, saw a flame shoot up out of the darkness to windward, making a sudden fierce light in all the place about. All he could find to think or say was: 'The second coming—the second coming!' The bridegroom cometh, and the wicked he will cess like a ball into a far land!' And lying already upon his knees, he just bowed his head and bided, saying this over and over.

"But he'm by, between two squalls, he made bold to lift his head and look, and then by the light—a bluish color 'twas—he saw all the coast clear away to Manacle point, and off Manacles in the thick of the weather a sloop-of-war with topgallants housed, driving stern foremost toward the reef. It was she, of course, that was burning the flare. My father could see the white streak and the ports of her quite plain as she rose to it, a little outside the breakers, and he guessed easy enough that her captain had just managed to wear ship and was trying to force her nose to the sea with the help of her small lower anchor and the scrap or two of canvas that hadn't yet been blown out of her. But while he looked, she fell off, giving her broadside to it foot by foot, and drifting back on the breakers around Carn du and the Varses. The rocks lie so thick thereabout that 'twas a toss up which she struck first. At any rate, my father couldn't tell at the time, for just then the flare died down and went out.

"Well, sir, he turned then in the dark and started back for Coverack to cry the dismal tidings—though well knowing ship and crew to be past any hope, and as he turned the wind lifted and tossed him forward 'like a ball,' as he'd been saying, and homeward along the fore shore. As you know, 'tis ugly work, even by daylight, picking your way among the stones there, and my father was pretty well knocked about in the dark. But by this 'twas nearer 7 than 6 o'clock and the day spreading. By the time he reached North Corner a man could see to read print; how's'ever he looked neither out to sea nor toward Coverack, but headed straight for the first cottage—the same that stands above North Corner today. A man named Billy Ede lived there then, and when my father burst into the kitchen bawling, 'Wreck, wreck!' he saw Billy Ede's wife standing there in her clogs, with a shawl over her head, and her clothes wringing wet.

"'Save the chap!' says Billy Ede's wife, Ann. 'What d'ee mean by crying stale fish at that rate?'

"'But 'tis a wreck, I tell 'ee. I've a-seed 'n!'

"'Why, so 'tis,' says she, 'and I've a-seed 'n, too, and so has every one with an eye in his head.'

"And with that she pointed straight over my father's shoulder, and he turned, and there, close under Dolor point, at the end of Coverack town, he saw another wreck washing, and the point black with people, like ants, running to and fro in the morning light.

He took a chair and lit a short pipe.

While he stood staring at her, he heard a trumpet sounding inland, the notes coming like little jerks, like a horse rising against the wind, but faintly, of course, because of the distance at which the gale was blowing, though this had dropped a little.

"She's a transport," said Billy Ede's wife Ann, "and full of horse soldiers—fine long men. When she struck, they must ha' pitched the hosses over first to lighten the ship, for a score of dead hosses had washed in afore I left, half an hour back, and between four and five scores of—fine, long men, in blue breeches and jackets, as has come ashore dead. I liken the last turn to one hour, for a straight young man!'

"My father passed her about the trumpeting.

"'That's strange enough of all. She was leaving Gibraltar when we and my man Jo[illegible] had word. We thought we were carried a-cruising quite out away to—[illegible] eighty leagues. Anyway, there she lay upon the rocks with her fore-[illegible] first, and she had just settled down on her [illegible] as one leaning like a sitting hen, just the kindest lie to starboard, but a man could stand there easy. They had rigged up ropes across her, from bulwark to bulwark. And besides these the men were mustered, holding on like grim death whenever the sea made a clean breach over them and standing up like heroes as soon as it passed. The captain and officers were clinging to the rail of the quarter-deck, all in their brave uniforms, waiting for the end, as if 'twas King George they expected. There was no way to help, for the lay right before east of line—though one folk tried it 50 times. And beside them clung a trumpeter, a whacking big man, and between the heavy seas he would lift his trumpet with one hand and blow a call. And every time he blew the men gave a cheer. There—hark 'ee now—there he goes again! But you won't hear no cheering any more, for few are left to cheer, and their voice is weak. Bitter cold the wind is, and I reckon it numbs their grip of the ropes, for they were dropping off fast with every sea when my man sent me home to get his breakfast. Another wreck, you say? Well, there's no hope for the poor dears if 'tis the Manacles. You'd better run down and help yonder, though 'tis little help any man can give. Not one came in alive while I was there. The tide's flowing, and she won't hold together another hour, they say.'

"Well, sure enough, the end was coming fast when my father got down to the point. Six men had been cast up alive, or just breathing—a seaman and five troopers. The seaman was the only one that had breath to speak, and while they were carrying him into town the word went around that the ship's name was the Despatch, transport, homeward bound from Corunna, with a detachment of the Seventh hussars that had been fighting out there with Sir John Moore. The seas had rolled her farther over by this time, and gave her decks a pretty sharp slope, but a dozen men still held on—seventy the ropes near the ship's waist, a couple more at the brink of the poop and three on the quarter-deck. Of these three my father made out one to be the skipper. Close by him hung an officer in full regimentals—his name, they heard after, was Captain Duncanfield—and last came the tall trumpeter. And, if you'll believe me, the fellow was making shift there at the very last to blow 'God Save the King.' What's more, he got to 'Send him victorious' before 'an extra big sea came bursting across and washed every man but one off the pair to death. The trumpeter, too, whose ribs were healing, came forward and kissed the book; but somehow his head had been hurt in coming ashore, and he talked foolish like, and 'twas easy seen he would never be a proper man again. The others were taken up to Plymouth, and so went their ways, but the trumpeter staid on in Coverack, and King George, finding he was fit for nothing, sent him down a trifle of a pension after awhile—enough to keep him in board and lodging, with a bit of tobacco over.

"Now, the first time that this man—William Tallifer, he called himself—met with the drummer boy was about a fortnight after the little chap had bettered enough to be allowed a short walk out of doors, which he took, if you please, in full regimentals. There never was a soldier so proud of his dress. His own suit had shrunk a brave bit with the salt water; but into ordinary frock and corduroys he declared he would not get, not if he had to go naked the rest of his life; so my father, being a good natured man and handy with the needle, turned to and repaired damages with a piece or two of scarlet cloth cut from the jacket of one of the drowned marines. Well, the poor little chap chanced to be standing in this rig out down by the gate of Gunner's meadow, where they had buried two score and over of his comrades. The morning was a fine one, early in March month; and along came the cracked trumpeter, likewise taking a stroll.

"'Hello,' says he; 'good morning! And what might you be doing here?'

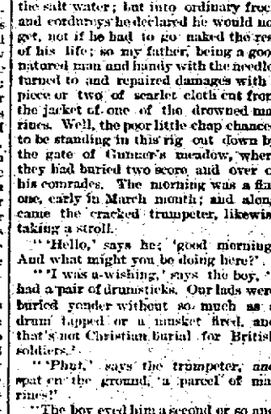
"'I was a-wishing,' says the boy, 'I had a pair of drumsticks. Our lads were buried yonder without so much as a drum tapped or a musket fired, and that's not Christian burial for British soldiers.'

"'Phut,' says the trumpeter, 'and spat on the ground, 'a parcel of marines!'

"The boy eyed him a second or so and answered up, 'If I'd a tub of turf handy, I'd bung it at your mouth, you greasy civvalry man, and learn you to speak respectful of your betters.'

"The trumpeter looked down on him from the height of 6 foot 2 and asked, 'Did they die well?'

"'They died very well. There was a lot of running to and fro at first, and some of the men began to cry and a few to strip off their clothes. But when the ship fell off for the last time, Captain Mein turned and said something to Major Griffiths, the commanding officer on board, and the major called out to me to beat to quarters. It might have been a wedding, he sang it out so cheerful. We'd had word already that 'twas to be parade dress, and the men fell in as trim and decent as if they were going to church. One or two even tried to shave at the last moment. The major were his medals. One of the seamen, seeing I had work to keep the drum steady—the sling being a bit loose for me, and the wild what you remember—lashed it tight with a piece of rope, and that saved my life afterward, a drum being as good as a cork until it's stove. I kept beating away until every man was on deck, and then the major formed them up and told them to die like British soldiers, and the chaplain read a prayer or two, the boys standing all the while like rocks, each man's courage



"That was very well done."

keeping up the other's. The chaplain was in the middle of a prayer when she struck. In ten minutes she was gone. That's how they died cavalryman.

"'And that was very well done, drummer of the marines. What's your name?'

"'John Christian.'

"'Mine's William Tallifer, trumpeter of the Seventh Light dragoons—the Queen's Own. I played "God Save the King" while our men were drowning. Captain Duncanfield told me to sound a call or two, to put them in heart, but that matter of "God Save the King" was a notion of my own. I won't say anything to hurt the feelings of a marine, even if he's not much over 5 foot tall, but the Queen's Own hussars is a tearing fine regiment. As between horse and foot, 'tis a question of which gets the chance. All the way from Sahagun to Corunna 'twas we that took and gave the knocks—at Mayorga and Rueda and Bennyventy.' (The reason, sir, I can speak the names so pat is that my father learnt 'em by heart afterward from the trumpeter, who was always talking about Mayorga and Rueda and Bennyventy.) 'We made the rear guard, under General Paget, and drove the French every time, and all the infantry did was to sit about in wine shops till we whipped 'em out, and steal and struggle and play the tomfool in general. And when it came to a stand up fight at Corunna 'twas we that had to stay on sick aboard the transports and watch the infantry in the thick of the caper. Very well they behaved, too, specially the Fourth regiment and the Forty-second highlanders, and the Dirty Half-Hundred. Oh, aye, they're decent regiments all three! But the Queen's Own hussars is a tearing fine regiment. So you played on your drum when the ship was going down? Drummer John Christian, I'll have to get you a new pair of drumsticks for that.'

"Well, sir, it appears that the very next day the trumpeter marched into Helston and got a carpenter there to turn him a pair of boxwood drumsticks for the boy. And this was the beginning of one of the most curious friendships that you ever heard tell of. Nothing delighted them more than to borrow a boat off my father and pull out to the rocks where the Primrose and the Despatch had struck and sunk. And on still days 'twas pretty to hear them out there off the Manacles, the drummer playing his tattoo, for they always took their music with them, and the trumpeter practicing calls and making his trumpet speak like an angel. But if the weather turned roughish, they'd be walking together and talking—lastwise the youngster listened while the other discoursed about Sir John's campaign in Spain and Portegal, telling how each little skirmish befell, and of Sir John himself, and General Baird and General Paget and Colonel Vivian, his own commanding officers, and what kind of men they were, and of the last bloody stand up at Corunna, and so forth, as if neither could have enough.

"But all this had to come to an end in the late summer, for the boy, John Christian, being now well and strong again, must go up to Plymouth to report himself. 'Twas his own wish, for I believe King George had forgotten all about him, and his friend wouldn't hold him back. As for the trumpeter, my father had made an arrangement to take him on as lodger as soon as the boy left, and on the morning fixed for the start he was up at the door here by 5 o'clock, with his trumpet slung by his side and all the rest of his belongings in a small valise. A Monday morning it was, and after breakfast he had fixed to walk with the boy some way on the road toward Helston, where the coach started. My father left them at breakfast together, and went out to meat the pig and do a few odd morning jobs of that sort. When he came back, the boy was still at table, and the trumpeter standing here by the chimney piece with the drum and trumpet in his hands, hitched together just as they be at this moment.

"'Look at this,' he says to my father, showing him the lock; 'I picked it up off a starving brassworker in Lisbon, and it is not one of your common locks that one word of six-letters will open at any time. There's janius in this lock, for you've only to make the rings spell any six letter word you please and snap down the lock upon that and never a soul can open it—not the maker even—until somebody comes along that knows the word you snapped it on. Now, Johnny, here's goin,' and he leaves his drum behind him, for, though he can make pretty music on it, the parchment gags in wet weather, by reason of the sea water getting at it, and if he carries it to Plymouth they'll only condemn it and give him another. And, as for me, I shan't have the heart to put lip to the trumpet any more when Johnny's gone. So we've chosen a word together and locked 'em together on the hook over your fireplace. Maybe Johnny'll come back; maybe not. Maybe, if he comes, I'll be dead and gone, and he'll take 'em apart and try their music for old sake's sake. But if he never comes nobody can separate 'em, for nobody besides knows the word. And if you marry and have sons you can tell 'em that here are tied together the souls of Johnny Christian, drummer of the marines, and William Tallifer, once trumpeter of the Queen's Own hussars. Amen.'

"With that he hung the two instruments upon the hook there, and the boy stood up and thanked my father and shook hands, and the pair went forth of the door toward Helston.

"Somewhere on the road they took leave of one another, but nobody saw the parting nor heard what was said between them. About 3 in the afternoon the trumpeter came walking back over the hill, and by the time my father came home from the fishing the cottage was tidied up, and the tea ready, and the whole place shining like a new pin. From that time for five years he lodged here with my father, looking after the house and tilling the garden. And all the while he was steadily failing, the hurt in his head spreading in a manner to his limbs. My father watched the feebleness growing on him, but said nothing. And from first to last neither spake a word about the drummer, John Christian, nor did any letter reach them nor word of his doings.

"The rest of the tale you're free to believe, sir, or not, as you please. It stands upon my father's words, and he always declared he was ready to kiss the book upon it, before judge and jury. He said, too, that he never had the wit to make up such a yarn, and he defied any one to explain about the lock in particular by any other tale. But you shall judge for yourself.

"My father said that about 3 o'clock in the morning, April 14, of the year 'fourteen, he and William Tallifer were sitting here, just as you and I, sir, are sitting now. My father had put on his clothes a few minutes before and was mending his spiller by the light of the horn lantern, meaning to set off before daylight to haul the trammel. The trumpeter hadn't been to bed at all. Toward the last he mostly spent his nights, and his days, too, dozing in the elbow chair where you sit at this minute. He was dozing then, my father said, with his chin dropped forward on his chest, when a knock sounded upon the door, and the door opened, and in walked an upright young man in scarlet regimentals.

"He had grown a bravo bit and his face was the color of wood ashes, but it was the drummer, John Christian. Only his uniform was different from the one he used to wear, and the figures '38' shone in brass upon his collar.

"The drummer walked past my father as if he never saw him and stood by the elbow chair and said:

"'Trumpeter, trumpeter, are you one with me?'

"And the trumpeter just lifted the lids of his eyes and answered, 'How should I not be one with you, drummer Johnny—Johnny boy? Where you go I go, until the discharge comes.'

"'The discharge has come tonight,' said the drummer, 'and the word is Corunna no longer.' And, stepping to the chimney piece, he unhooked the drum and trumpet and began to twist the brass rings of the lock, spelling the word aloud, so—C-o-r-u-n-n-a. When he had fired the last letter, the padlock opened in his hand.

"'Did you know, trumpeter, that when I came to Plymouth, they put me into a line regiment?'

"'The Thirty-eighth is a good regiment,' answered the old hussar, still in his dull voice. 'I went back with them from Sahagun to Corunna. At Corunna they stood in General Fraser's division, on the right. They behaved well.'

"'But I'd fain see the marines again,' says the drummer, handing him the trumpet, 'and you, you shall call once more for the Queen's Own. Matthew,' he says, suddenly turning on my father—and when he turned my father saw for the first time that his scarlet jacket had a round hole by the breastbone and that blood was welling there—'Matthew, we shall want your boat.'

"Then my father rose on his legs like a man in a dream, while they two slung on, the one his drum and t'other his trumpet. He took the lantern and went quaking before them down to the shore, and they breathed heavily behind him, and they stepped into his boat, and my father pushed off.

"'Row you first for Dolor point,' says the drummer. So my father rowed them out past the white houses of Coverack to Dolor point, and there, at a word, lay on his oars. And the trumpeter, William Tallifer, put his trumpet to his mouth and sounded the reveille. The music of it was like rivers running.

"'They will follow,' said the drummer. 'Matthew, pull you now for the Manacles.'

"So my father pulled for Manacles and came to an easy close outside Carn Du. And the drummer took his sticks and beat a tattoo, there by the edge of the reef, and the music of it was like a rolling chariot.

"'That will do,' says he, breaking off; 'they will follow. Pull now for the shore under Gunner's meadow.'

"Then my father pulled for the shore and ran his boat in under Gunner's meadow. And they stepped out, all three, and walked up to the meadow. By the gate the drummer halted and began his tattoo again, looking out toward the darkness over the sea.

"And while the drum beat and my father held his breath there came up out of the sea and the darkness a troop of many men, horse and foot, and formed up among the graves, and others rose out of the graves and formed up—drowned marines with bleached faces, and pale hussars, riding their horses, all lean and shadowy. There was no sound of hoofs or accouterments, my father said, but a soft sound all the while, like the beating of a bird's wing, and a black shadow about the feet of all. The drummer stood upon a little knoll just inside the gate and beside him the tall trumpeter, with hand on him, watching them together, and behind them both my father, clinging to the gate. When no more came, the drummer stopped playing, and said, 'Call the roll.'

"Then the trumpeter stepped toward the end man of the rank and called, 'Troop Sergeant Major Thomas Irons,' and the man, in a thin voice, answered, 'Here!'

"'Troop Sergeant Major Thomas Irons, how is it with you?'

"The man answered, 'How should it be with me? When I was young, I betrayed a girl, and when I was grown I betrayed a friend, and for these things I suffer. But I died as a man ought. God save the king!'

"The trumpeter called to the next man, 'Trooper Henry Buckingham!' and the next man answered, 'Here!'

"'Trooper Henry Buckingham, how is it with you?'

"'How should it be with me? I was a drunkard, and I stole, and in Lago, in a wineshop, I knifed a man. But I died as a man should. God save the king!'

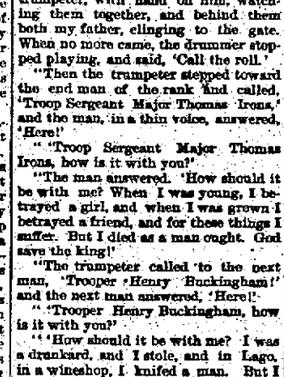
"So the trumpeter went down the line, and when he had finished, the drummer took it up, hailing the dead marines in their order. Each man answered to his name, and each man ended with 'God save the king!' When all were hailed, the drummer stepped back to his mound and called:

"'It is well. You are content, and we are content to join you. Go back and wait a little while.'

"With this he turned and ordered my father to pick up the lantern and lead the way back. As my father picked it up he heard the ranks of dead men cheer and call, 'God save the king!' all together and saw them waver and fade back into the dark, like a breath fading off a pane.

"But when they came back here to the kitchen and my father set the lantern down it seemed they'd both forgot about him. For the drummer turned in the lantern light—and my father could see the blood still welling out of the hole in his breast—and took the trumpet sling from around the other's neck and locked drum and trumpet together again, choosing the letters on the lock very carefully. While he did this he said:

"'The word is no more Corunna, but Bayonne. As you left out an 'n' in Corunna, so must I leave out an 'n' in Bayonne.' And before snapping the



While the drum beat.

padlock he spelled out the word slowly, 'B-a-y-o-n-e.' After that he used no more speech, but turned and hung the two instruments back on the hook and then took the trumpeter by the arm, and the pair walked out into the darkness, glancing neither to right nor left.

"My father was on the point of following, when he heard a sort of sigh behind him, and there, sitting in the elbow chair, was the very trumpeter he had just seen walk out by the door! If my father's heart jumped before, you may believe it jumped quicker now. But after a bit he went up to the man asleep in the chair and put a hand upon him. It was the trumpeter in flesh and blood that he touched, but though the flesh was warm the trumpeter was dead.

"Well, sir, they buried him three days after, and at first my father was minded to say nothing about his dream, as he thought it.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE,
THOMAS A. MORRISON,
of Smethport.

FOR CORONER,
E. R. SHERMAN,
of Bradford.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
WALTER OSTRANDER,
of Liberty Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR:—You are authorized to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

EUGENE MCGILLIS.

Bradford, Pa., March 26, 1897.

CONGRESS appropriated $200,000 for the flood sufferers along the Mississippi Valley.

UNDER an act passed by the last Congress a person defacing a gold or silver coin of the United States is liable to a fine of $3000 and five years in prison. This stops the bangle fad along with other forms of coin defacement.—Globe Democrat.

THE selection of G. W. Mitchell as our chairman for the ensuing year was a most excellent choice. His request that our majority of 2000 in the county ought to be 2500 this fall will undoubtedly be realized as Mr. Mitchell is an indefatigable worker and will leave no stone unturned to meet with honored success.

Judge Morrison can feel justly proud over the large vote he received at the primaries—3030. Owing to the hot contest for delegates many voters forgot to place a cross opposite any of the other candidates' names. That Judge Morrison and the other gentlemen on the ticket with him, will be elected by largely increased majorities is a foregone conclusion.

OWING to Democratic incompetency Uncle Sam, at the present time finds himself in rather straightened circumstances. It is to be hoped that the United States Senate will rise above peanut politics, speedily pass the Dingley bill and thus enable the old guest to pay some of the indebtedness that has been rapidly growing during the last four years.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR DANIEL W. VOORHEES, otherwise known as the "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash" of Indiana, died at his home in Washington, D. C., last Friday morning, aged 69 years. He had been a member of the lower house of Congress most of the time from 1860 to 1871 when he was appointed to the Senate to fill the unexpired term of O. P. Morton and was continued in the upper house until the 4th of last March, a period of 20 years. He had always been a Democrat.

IT was generally reported that Senator Quay had held the Pennsylvania delegation at St. Louis last June solidly for himself until after McKinley had received a sufficient number of votes to nominate him for the presidency. Large numbers, the MINER among the rest, have felt that his action in that case was unjust to our great commonwealth, but it was evidently a mistake, as Major Hawkins stated in the convention last Tuesday that he had gone to St. Louis and helped nominate Major McKinley.

THE Herald, in making extensive inquiry throughout this county and Potter, find that a large percentage of Stalling Democrats favor the re-election of Judge Morrison. The idea seems to pretty generally prevail that political consideration should have nothing to do in the selection of a candidate to fill an office that manifestly should be free from any form of influence that might seem to effect judicial deliberation and final rendering. The 48th judicial district cannot afford to experiment in the business of making judges. The present incumbent has shown himself to be equal to every emergency and has given general satisfaction. The bench of this judicial district is ably and conscientiously supplied. Let us keep it so. No chances in filling a position, that so directly affects the community, should be taken, no experimental policy should be tolerated. The people can't afford it.—Bradford Sunday Herald.

THE HAMILTON ROAD BILL.

The following is the substance of the Hamilton Road Bill which seems to have the greatest support of any of the road bills yet introduced in the Legislature at Harrisburg. It has already passed the Senate, but whether it meets with the same fate in the House remains to be seen. It provides: First—for the electing of three road supervisors in each township, whose term of office runs three years. No person shall be eligable to the office of road supervisor unless he own real estate and shall have been a citizen of the township for two years immediately preceeding the date of election. The board of road supervisors shall have general oversight of the roads, levy the road tax, employ labor, fix wages, buy machinery, material, etc., and all things whatsoever necessary for building roads.

Second—The levy for road tax shall not exceed two mills on each dollar of the valuation as last adjusted for county purposes.

Third—The one-fourth of the road tax levied shall be paid in cash, and the other three-fourths in work, provided the taxable notifies the road supervisors on or before April 15 of each year that such is his desire, and further provided that he appears and works out his tax when he has had three day's notice of the time and place where he is expected to work. In case a taxable fails to give notice to the road supervisors on or before April 15 that he desires to work out three-fourths of his tax or in case he fails to come to work after having three day's notice to do so, he shall pay the full amount of his tax money.

Fourth—The supervisor shall employ a road-master for each district, who shall work upon the roads himself and see that the plans furnished him by the supervisors are carried out. He shall oversee the men employed on the road and keep the time for each man under him and report each or oath to the supervisors as often as they may require.

Fifth—No public road hereafter to be laid out shall be fixed at a higher grade than three degrees, unless where impracticable.

Sixth—The road supervisors may meet for the transaction of business once each month and each member shall receive $2.50 for each meeting attended, also necessary expenses including office rent, stationery, light, fuel, etc.

Seventh—The provisions of this act will go into effect March 1, 1898, if passed.

TUESDAY'S CONVENTION.

Last Tuesday afternoon at 2:15, Ex-State Senator Bannon, owing to the illness of Chairman Walter Grubb, called the convention to order and called upon W. F. Andrews of Gardeau to read the chairman's call for the convention.

J. C. Greenewald was nominated for chairman. No other name being offered, Mr. Greenewald's nomination was made unanimous. George Wilson of Mt. Jewett and E. M. Kerns of this borough were elected secretaries. The chairman expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him and hoped the action of the convention would result in harmony to the party throughout the county.

The roll call then proceeded. Each committeeman presented the official tally of his precinct. There were no contests.

After the tally sheets were all presented the secretaries retired to add up the totals. W. F. Andrews moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft resolutions. The chairman appointed W. F. Andrews of Gardeau, J. L. Andrews of Bradford, C. M. Slack of Eldred township, John P. Melvin of Bradford and C. A. Duke of Duke Centre. J. L. McIntyre of Keating 3rd precinct suggested that officers who are chosen to preside at caucuses ought to receive some compensation for their labors. This called forth considerable discussion, but resulted in leaving the matter as formerly, without any pay. The committee on resolutions having finished their labors, W. F. Andrews then presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That the Republicans of McKean county, in convention assembled, for the year 1897, hereby express their gratification and delight over the victory of 1896—a great victory which redeemed the great republic from the rule of Democracy and gave us a President and Congress pledged to protection and to the maintenance of the rights of American citizenship in all parts of the civilized world. Four years of Cleveland and Free Trade has left the last Democratic President without a following, and the party that elected him, without a policy.

Resolved—That in the person of William McKinley we have a President whose very presence at the national capitol has begotten confidence, even before the legislation he recommends has been formed into law; and we heartily endorse the calling of the present Congress for the purpose of forming a tariff law that shall both protect American manufactures and laborers, and furnish a revenue ample to carry on the government, improve our great commercial waterways, provide for ample pensions for the nations defenders and promptly meet all our maturing obligations.

Resolved—That Senator Quay, our intrepid party leader, has proved himself equal to every emergency, as well in party management as skillful legislation; and we most heartily endorse, as well his course in Congress as his determined effort to make good the pledges of his party—twice incorporated into State Republican platforms—to purge party management from corrupting influences and municiple laws from their power—when manipulated by crafty and conning combines to swindle the people and debauch municipal government.

Resolved—That in our Junior United States Senator, Hon. Boies Penrose, we recognize a gentleman of large attainments, ripe legislative experience, and of such quality of ability and energy as rightly directed, is certain to win for him in the near future a place in the front rank of American Statesmen.

Resolved—That to our representative in Congress, the Hon. C. W. Stone, and to our Senator, Hon. Walter Merrick, our representatives, Hon. H. H. North and Hon. R. A. Dempsey, our representatives in the legislature, we extend congratulations for their zeal and efficiency, and genuine worth as representatives of the people and we hereby assure them one and all, that they shall have our support and unqualified confidence, while in the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

Resolved—That we heartily endorse all the nominations made at our party primaries on the 10th instant, and we hereby pledge to them our support at the polls in November next.

Resolved—That recognizing as we do, the honesty, impartiality, and ability with which Hon. T. A. Morrison has discharged the onerous duties incident to his high office, we urge that he receive the cordial endorsement and support, not only of the Republican party in his district, but of all others, without regard to party affiliations, who desire to see the high standard of the Judiciary of Pennsylvania maintained.

Resolved—That this resolution is intended, not so much as an expression of political preference, as of the endorsement of Judge Morrison as a man, a lawyer and a judge—honest in his purposes, fearless in his convictions, and learned and wise in his decisions.

W. F. ANDREWS, Chairman.
J. L. ANDREWS,
C. A. DUKE,
JOHN P. MELVIN,
C. M. SLACK.

The chairman then stated that the election of a county chairman was in order. The only name offered was that of our popular prothonotary, G. W. Mitchell, whose election was made by a rising vote, which set the delegates and spectators wild with enthusiasm. Mr. Mitchell was called for and made a brief speech thanking the convention for the honor. Speeches were made by Col. W. W. Brown, M. W. Moffitt, Dr. Burg Chadwick, A. C. Hawkins, Ex-Senator Bannon and others.

The secretaries having completed the count submitted the following total votes received by the candidates: Morrison, 3,030; Ostrander, 2,651; Sherman, 2,071; Heard, 1,018; Moffit, 2,099; Brown, 2,068; Chadwick, 2,063; Campbell, 1,314; Burdick, 1,238; King 1,119.

Following is the list of committee men.

Annin township, J. J. McCarey.
Bradford township, 1st dist., C. V. Cloud.
Bradford township, 2nd dist., G. Hatfield.
Bradford, 1st ward, 1st precinct, J. C. Greenewald.
Bradford, 1st ward, 2nd precinct, J. L. Andrews.
Bradford, 2nd ward, 1st precinct, L Marck.
Bradford, 3rd ward, J. R. Rutherford.
Bradford, 4th ward, Wm. Bovlard.
Bradford, 5th ward, F. V. Williams.
Bradford, 6th ward, J. C. Kling.
Ceres township, Fred Smith.
Corydon township, 1st dist., R. D. Tome.
Corydon township, 2nd dist., F. N. Holmes.
Eldred borough, C. Ostrander.
Eldred township, C. M. Slack.
Foster township, 1st dist., Thos. Potter.
Foster township, 2nd district, A. W. Boyd.
Hamlin township, 1st dist., Geo. Richards.
Hamlin township, 2nd dist., Chas. Paulson.
Hamilton township, 1st dist., Jno. Logal.
Hamilton township, 2nd dist., Wm. Campbell.
Keating township, 1st dist., J. S. Reynolds.
Keating township, 2nd dist., Wesley Beckwith.
Keating township, 3rd dist., J. L. McIntyre.
Kane borough, 1st dist., C. W. Gross.
Kane borough 2nd dist., Albert Peterson.
Kane borough 3rd dist., C. C. Davis.
Lafayette township, 1st dist., Geo. Beardsell.
Lafayette township, 2nd dist., J. C. Cannon.
Lafayette township, 3rd dist., A. Bishop.
Liberty township, W. C. Ostrander.
Mt. Jewett, Geo. Wilson.
Port Allegany, R. J. Mott.
Norwich township, 1st dist., L. F. Wilcox.
Norwich township, 2nd dist., W. F. Andrews.
Otto township, 1st dist., C. A. Duke.
Otto township, 2nd dist., E. Winslow.
Sergeant township, 1st dist., Geo. Woodburn.
Sergeant township, 2nd dist., M. H. Vaneskpeckport, P. H. Burns.
Wetmore township, 1st dist., Wm. Wilkins.
Wetmore township 2nd dist., James Lyons.

J. C. Greenewald makes an ideal presiding officer.

James McKean would have made a speech, but neglected to bring his notes along.

William Wilkins assured the convention that the entire ticket would receive hearty support in Wetmore.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1897.—President McKinley returned from his little outing much improved. The weather was more or less disagreeable during the entire time he spent on the Dolphin, but he got what he went after and what he needed most—rest. He was at his desk to-day looking fresher than for several weeks.

Jerry Simpson made an attempt to prove that he was a bigger man than the entire House, but he only proved himself a monkey. He thought, or rather he thought that he thought, that he could compel Speaker Reed to appoint the committees and the House to go ahead with miscellaneous business, although a majority had decided that the legislation of the extra session should be confined to passing the left over appropriation bills and the tariff bill, both of which the House has done. Jerry made the point of "no quorum" to prevent the House adjourning from Saturday to Wednesday, but Speaker Reed had no difficulty in counting a quorum, and Jerry found himself down while the House adjourned. Whether he intends to get himself knocked down every time the House meets just for the notoriety there is in it, is yet to be seen. It is evident that Speaker Reed regards Jerry merely as an "amusing little cuss."

Secretary Alger, under whose direction the $200,000 appropriated last week by Congress for the relief of sufferers by the floods in the Mississippi Valley will be spent, lost no time in putting the machinery of the War Department to work in order that prompt relief might be extended, wherever needed. It may be a hard thing to say, but it is strictly true that the Cleveland administration was responsible for much of the damage done by the Mississippi river floods, by its policy of delay in spending money appropriated by Congress to strengthen and raise up the levees along the Mississippi river at those points where U. S. engineer officers had reported the necessity of such work. Reports are on file in the War Department from engineer officers, made after Congress had appropriated the money, urging that contracts be made and the work pushed on these levees, but it was the Cleveland-Carlisle policy to hold back appropriations as long as possible, and these floods came before the strengthening of the levees had been completed. A number of the breaks are at the points reported weak by the engineers and ordered to be strengthened by Congress. For all the damage done by these particular breaks, the Cleveland administration is clearly responsible.

President McKinley's announced policy of reinstating all ex Union soldiers who were dismissed from office by the Democrats for no other reason than their politics, is being carried out in all of the government departments as fast as the heads of the departments can get around to the case. In the cases of the chiefs of divisions, the Democrats are being given better treatment than they gave Republicans. They are allowed to remain in office, in a lower position, instead of being dismissed, as so many Republicans were under the last administration.

A Republican Senator speaking of the talk in regard to the appointment of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy being likely to make trouble, said: "Roosevelt may make trouble in the Navy Department, but if he does it will be in the interests of a better administration of its affairs, just as he has made trouble for the law breakers of New York City who had long enjoyed police protection. I notice that in all the trouble stirred up by Roosevelt, he has always had the support of those who believed in showing up and reforming wrongdoing wherever found, and I am willing to stand behind all the trouble he makes in the Navy Department."

Mr. Cleveland's order reducing the the number of pension agencies, which was to go into effect on the 1st of next September, will never go into effect. Pension Commissioner Evans has ascertained by investigation that instead of saving money, as Mr. Cleveland claimed, it would cost more to support the consolidated agencies. He said on the subject: "While I have no authority to speak for the President, I have excellent reasons for believing that the order will not go into effect, and that the eighteen pension agencies will remain as they are." Commissioner Evans also says that Mr. Cleveland's order placing pension examining surgeons under the civil service rules will be revoked, except in the cases of examiners who receive $300 a year or less.

No date has yet been fixed for the reporting of the Dingley tariff bill to the Senate by the Finance Committee.

CONVINCE a man against his will, politically, and he is of the same opinion still.—Tuesday's Era. How far back does this run Dave?

HON. BENJAMIN BUTTERWORTH of Ohio has been nominated by the President as Commissioner of Patents.

Reduced Rates to New York via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Dedication of Grant Monument.

For the dedication of the Grant Monumental Tomb, April 27 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets from all points on its line to New York, April 26 (and from points within one hundred and fifty miles of New York, April 26 and 27); good to return until April 29 inclusive, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets for military companies in uniform, numbering fifty or more, traveling in a body on one ticket, will be sold at rate of single fare per capita for the round trip.

The parade on this occasion will be the grandest military demonstration since the war. Thousands of veterans, United States regulars, and State militiamen will be in line.

When in need of a good reliable cough medicine remember that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only relieves but cures. Mr. Joseph Rogers of West Warren, Pa., when suffering from a very severe cold and cough took this remedy with the best results. He says it helped effectually and not only relieved but cured him. If you have any fear of pneumonia, by all means chose this remedy, as it counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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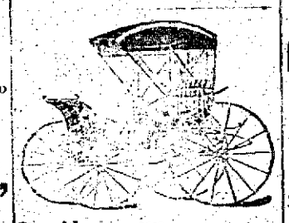

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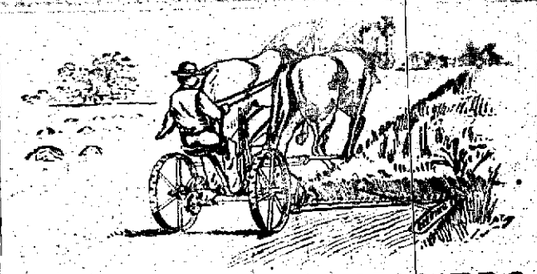

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Hosiery, Notions, Dress Linings, Corsets, &c.

We have a complete line of new shoes, very cheap, which we would like you to examine before purchasing elsewhere.

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Among the new and inexpensive fabrics are:

40 inch fish nets, 15 cents.
50" " " 25c, 40c and 50 cents.
Lace edges to match, 7 and 10 cents.
Embroidered edge sash muslins, 10c, 20c, 25c and up.
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Beautiful Corduroys, Velours and Liberty velvets, 75c, 98c and $1.
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Beautiful white curtain poles, 4 feet long, complete, 40c, 50c, 75c and 98c.
Rich new lace curtains, $1.10, $1.25, $1.75, $1.98 and up.
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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 16, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Civil court Monday next.

—See Pierce's cut prices on bicycles.

—Butter at the creamery only 18 cents.

—Yesterday was a fine day to go fishing—not.

—The music at St. Luke's last Sunday evening was grand.

—John Hungerford has reshingled his residence on King street.

—James McGuier has had his Fulton street residence reshingled.

—While attending court next week give the MINER office a call.

—It is reported that Kane will have a first-class ball team this season.

—Stickles has a change of adv. this week. Always something new.

—W. P. Eckels has had an addition erected on his King street residence.

—The band will give an open air concert to-morrow night if weather permits.

—The Charity Hose company of Austin will give a grand ball next Monday night.

—We are informed that "Charley's Aunt" will be presented in about two weeks.

—Atty F. P. Schoonmaker has been selected by the Bradford council as city solicitor.

—F. D. Gallup has had a new porch constructed in front of his residence on King street.

—We have a few packages of cotton seed. Any farmer who desires one can get it by calling.

—Coroner E. P. Sherman can feel justly proud over the vote he received for renomination.

—The Jewish feast of Easter will begin to-night at sundown. The feast will last for eight days.

—The old veterans came out even on their entertainment at the opera house last Monday night.

—Judging by last Monday's Era there must have been a caucus held in McKean county last Saturday.

—Do not fail to examine M. L. Armstrong new and attractive bicycle adv. showing reduced prices.

—Large assortment of new goods at D. C. Youngs. Call and you will be surprised at the low prices.

—The Easter music at St. Luke's will be exceptionally fine. The program was crowded out of this issue.

—Mrs. Carrie Reilly's display of Easter goods in her front window is very beautifully and tastefully arranged.

—The I. O. T. M. and K. O. T. M., of Rew City will give a maple sugar party and dance next Monday night.

—Mrs. Mullette's solo, last Sunday evening at St. Luke's, was highly appreciated by the large congregation.

—Your attention is respectfully directed to the card of the Chadwick House, Larrabee, which appears in this issue.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thamm are the happy parents of a baby girl. She made her appearance last Wednesday night.

—Letters remain in the Smethport postoffice for Miss Alma Anderson, Richard Hudson and Gabia Johnson (two).

—Myron Terwilliger of Marvin Creek is the happy father of a bouncing baby boy which his wife presented him with last week.

—M. J. Healey will peel about 10,000 cords of bark at Hazel Hurst this season. This will give employment to a large force of men.

—Sanford Fry was somewhat indisposed the latter part of last week, but is now able to attend to his duties in Lindholm & Co's store.

—County Treasurer T. B. Clark was unanimously re-elected a member of the board of water commissioners of Bradford last Monday night.

—The Smethport Band gave its first open air concert of the season in front of the court house Saturday evening last. It was greatly enjoyed by the people.

—The ladies of the M. E. aid society will serve supper next Tuesday evening, April 20, from 5:30 from 8:00 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited. (At the chapel.)

—The Yankee Oil company at Larrabee was compelled to pull 200 feet of casing last Tuesday owing to a rush of salt water. The latest report states that they are down between 400 and 500 feet.

—Miss Small of this place will deliver a lecture at the opera house, Tuesday evening, May 4. Subject, "Grecian Home Plants and Art." Full particulars next week.

—Examine the label on the MINER you are reading and see if it is your own. If it is not send in your subscription and we shall be pleased to send you a receipt for the same.

—The East Smethport social club will give a dance at their club room Easter Monday evening, April 19. Their dances in the past insure a good attendance and a pleasant time.

—Lost—a pocketbook containing cash, checks, postal note and other valuable papers. A suitable reward will be paid for return of same to this office. No questions asked.

—Fred K. Rockwell, who was charged with the murder of Lewis Haines in Jones township, Elk county, last winter, was found guilty of murder in the first degree last week at Ridgway.

—Hon. William F. Jordan, died at Harrisburg Tuesday night, aged 49 years. Mr. Jordan had for a number of years been editor of the Harrisburg Telegram, and was at one time mayor of Bradford.

—The executive committee of the Western Pennsylvania Press Club will meet in Bradford April 23d to make arrangements for the journalistic gathering to take place there in the latter part of June.

—J. W. Bouton will move his family into the building formerly the sanitarium about the middle of next month. This building has been completely refitted and remodled and will make an elegant residence.

—The train that conveyed Vice President Hobart from Jersey City to Washington, D. C. on March 2, distance 230 miles, made the trip in actual running time of 229 minutes, says the Scientific American.

—There seems to be nothing impossible for a Bradford physician to accomplish. Dr. Benninghoff restored a man to health who had his neck broken about two week's ago, and there does not seem to be any necromancy about it, either.

—If the borough purchases a stone crusher it would appear from information furnished by Chas. Lilgendahl that a gas engine would furnish the power at a less cost than any other engine. Mr. L., says that to run an 8 horse power engine 10 hours costs but 3 cents.

—The Mt. Alton Church Signal, Vol. 1, No. 3, reached us last Saturday. It is a bright little 3 column circular edited by Rev. J. H. Crocker of the M. E. church at that place, with his esteemed better half as associate. It is well filled with interesting and newsy reading matter. May it find continued prosperity.

—The council passed resolutions last Monday night to purchase a stone crusher providing they could procure land that had the proper quality of stone to make good roads. The council will probably purchase 10 acres of ground at the quarry on Town hill. The borough was will also purchase a new road scraper.

—The Good Friday services at St. Luke's church will be Matins and Penitential Office at 9 a. m. The Preaching of the Cross, at 12 m. to 3 p. m., addresses on the last Seven Words of Christ, with prayers, the old Evangelistic hymns and silent devotions. At 4 p. m., Litany and sermon to the children. Evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock.

—The B., B. & K. train 10 which leaves Smethport at 5:10 p. m., is a record breaker. It made its hundredth run April 10. This train has never been a minute late on any part of its run and always arrives in Kane on time, connecting closely with P. & E., train 4, for Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and intermediate points.

—We are tellably informed that the famous "Old Farmer Hopkins" company will positively be at our opera house one night only, Monday, April 26. This attraction is of the highest class, carrying all its own elaborate outfit of scenery, mechanical effects, music and all the other details necessary to a finished performance. A crowded house is assured.

—Chet King, the Port Allegany candidate for delegate to the State convention, elect'oneered, it is said, with his pockets full of onion sets. When he approached a voter Chet would offer an onion and remark that if the folks couldn't see him (King) they could smell him. It cannot be said with any degree of correctness that Chet was "onto his onion."—Bradford Herald.

—Frank Davis, formerly landlord of the Davis House at Austin, was locked up in Coudersport jail last week on a warrant sworn out by his wife for robbing her of diamonds and other valuable goods. Mrs Davis will let him go and pay costs if he will restore her diamonds, but it is doubtful if this can be done as the diamonds are very likely in hock to raise money to settle his little difficulty down in West Virginia. He got bail later.

—The Era, with its usual mark of originality, says: "Winter lingers in the lap of spring." Now this is a most audacious theft. S. R. Lindsley is sole owner if not author of this poetic phrase, he having placed it before McKean county readers in his palmy days—some ten or twelve years ago. And now to be robbed of one of his most brilliant sparks of journalism in his decline is indeed cruel and unjust. Such piracy among the craft should be punished.

—John Peterson and son, Axell, were instantly killed near Kinzua last Saturday. They were engaged in digging a ditch to a spring some distance from their home, and in passing a small building which had been used for the manufacture of explosives, the son in digging found a pipe and in some manner hit it with his pick, when a terrible explosion occurred. The young man was blown all to pieces and the father, who was standing several feet away, was instantly killed.

—Brother Erick Derrickson of the Era is becoming quite facetious of late in calling attention to typographical errors in neighboring exchanges. We quote part of his graphic description of the Knoxville, Tenn., fire in the issue of April 9: "The loss of life is uncertain, as the hotel register in which 58 people were sleeping, was burned." Then again in the same article he describes the wonderful speed of a railroad train: "An engine was placed aboard a flat car and started the run of 11 miles, which was made by Engineer Robbins in 106 minutes, breaking the record." Whew, it must have made those southern fire eaters dizzy to ride at such a speed.

—Simon Martin of Farmers Valley set the pattern which Mart Caskey of the same place soon followed, and that was, each of them purchased a new seed drill of Nourse Bros. Gentlemen, you are both to be congratulated on your foresight in securing such excellent farm implements. Frank Tuttle of Frisbee and Frank Burdick who lives above town, not to be outdone, also each purchased a seed drill, while F. B. Granteer, who believes in having a smooth farm, purchased a new model roller. Keep right on, gentlemen; this shows that the work of instruction which has been given to our farmers in the last two years, has not been used sown upon barren ground.

—Cord. W. J. Knox [illegible] with Capt. Underwood [illegible] Georgia in 1862 [illegible] opera house last Monday night [illegible] ture of the stirring and thrilling scenes that took place during that memorable trip. Mr. Knight had several oil paintings to illustrate the most interesting events along their route. The Captain is not an orator, but the exciting events that occurred on the trip are so forcibly impressed on his memory that he carries his listeners along with him and keeps them thoroughly interested in his subject. This attempt of going hundreds of miles into an enemy's country and signaling a railroad train in broad day light before armed guards, and a large army lying adjacent, was an act of bravery that has never been out-rivaled in history, and only for unforseen accidents, these daring men would have accomplished their object and destroyed all the railroad bridges along their route and virtually cut the southern confederacy in twain. But fate willed otherwise and eight of these 23 brave men were hung. Fourteen escaped after undergoing hardships that it would seem impossible for human beings to endure and finally reached their homes and friends in the north.

An Attempted Abduction.

Too late for publication last week we learned of a bold attempt to abduct the young and innocent wife of Jerry Robinson, a well-known Crosby gentleman.

Jerry is a large, well developed man, with a rough exterior encasing a great big noble heart, and his bride is a trusting young damsel who has passed an indefinite number of summers on Olean creek, viewing the beautiful scenery and inhaling the healthful atmosphere arising from the Dotterweich brewery. When one Roberts came into her life shortly after the honeymoon a new fire was kindled in her bosom that might have been the undoing of her fair name.

Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Jerry made a pleasure trip to our busy burg and shortly after Roberts and his friend appeared on the scene. Roberts is a man of money and good clothes, and he at once proceeded to appease a large, strong appetite for red fire that always accompanies Jerry on his pleasure trips. When this appetite had been partially subdued the above mentioned friend became possessed with an uncontrolable desire to visit Crosby, while Roberts had no inclination to return home, therefore, in lieu of past courtesies and pledges of future ones the unsuspecting Jerry was induced to take said friend home with a livery rig. While returning from the trip a suspicion crossed Jerry's broad and placid mind that made his blood boil and she hurried the steed to the county seat, only to find that the pride of his household had flown with the handsome dude, Roberts. But Jerry was quick to act and bled himself to the depot and took the rapid transit to Farmers Valley where he overtook the fleeing couple.

Upon seeing the flushed but honest face of her sterner half the fair Mrs. Robison's fickle mind changed and she fell on his manly breast and swore he was the only one she ever could love, while her abductor made good his escape. Jerry's fortune being spent in the long, earnest search, she consented to walk home with him. They were seen in town Friday and a more loving couple you never met. Thus the old saying, "true love never runs smooth," is verified.

The Journalists.

The governing board of the Western Pennsylvania Press Club met in Erie last Friday evening, President P. C. Boyle in the chair. Reports from the counties included in the organization were given by the members of the governing board of the respective counties. Col. Lucius Rogers of McKean county, gave a report of the success of the Press Association of that county in inducing the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railway company to stop using the cars for advertising purposes.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Baker of Ridgway, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Western Pennsylvania Press Club, Erie district, deprecates the action of the legislature in voting down the bill contemplating a reform in the libel laws of the State. This association, composed of newspaper publishers, asks for no privileges under the laws of the Commonwealth not given other citizens, but we do ask equal privileges and to be placed on the same footing in the courts of justice at least equal to those guaranteed to others. We therefore hope that the bill, as recommended with amendments to same proposed by Representative Smith of Jefferson county, will be adopted.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the several members of both Houses of the legislature.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the club in Bradford June 23 and 24 during the convention of the editorial association.

The executive committee of the State Editorial Association, consisting of Col. Lucius Rogers, P. C. Boyle and W. P. Atkinson, met at the same time and fixed the date of the association convention which will be held in Bradford. It will commence June 22.

The Press Club appointed a committee to assist in the arrangements for entertaining the State association consisting of Mrs. Ada Cable of this city, A. W. McCoy of Meadville, W. H. Baker of Ridgway, Willis Cowan of Warren, and D. D. Reed of Erie. This committee will meet with the State executive committee in Bradford April 23 to perfect arrangements.

$200.00 Reward.

The above reward—will be paid by me for information sufficient to secure the arrest and conviction of the two men who held up and robbed W. E. Bradley near Mt. Jewett on the night of March 20th.

I will pay $50.00 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the parties who robbed the hen-roost belonging to Mrs. C. E. Walker of Kushequa on March 23rd.

Also, I will pay $100.00 reward for information sufficient for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who robbed the boarding-house belonging to John A. Youngquist at Kushequa on March 23rd.

ELISHA K. KANE.

Hotel For Sale.

Larrabee House at Larrabee, Pa. This is one of the best locations in McKean county at junction of W. N. Y. & P. R'y. License will be transferred to right man. Call or write at once if you want a bargain. M. L. ARMSTRONG,

Smethport, Pa.

Dr. F. C. Pierce has just received samples of 1897 Rambler and Ideal bicycles. Prices ranging from $35.00 to $80.00. You will never regret looking at the superior points on these carefully selected lines of cycles.

Wm. Masser has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

E. T Daly calls your attention to the fact that he has a fine line of buggies and carriages for sale at reasonable prices.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

2 wagon loads plow points, various kinds, 30c each. Land sides and other fixtures. Racket.

At W. D. Gallup's store you can get choice timothy and clover seed. He has just received a car load of the best.

13 boxes parlor matches 8c, not 15c. Racket.

[illegible] Coon Leonel Davis spent Sunday in Kane.

Thomas Ryan transacted business in Kane Monday.

Emil Thamm visited Clermont Tuesday on business.

F. J. Newton of Rixford was in town Tuesday.

A. B. Walker came over from Bradford Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Colegrove visited Bradford yesterday.

Mrs. D. C. Young visited Bradford friends Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bouton visited Buffalo last Tuesday.

Carl Wolford of Port Allegany was in town Saturday.

Harry Richmond of Bradford was in town Monday night.

J. C. Cannon, Jr., of Lewis Run was in town Tuesday.

C. A. Larrabee of Port Allegany was in town Tuesday.

Orlo J. Hamlin transacted business in Olean Tuesday.

Mrs. Griffith of East Smethport visited Olean yesterday.

Hon. Geo. Griffiths and son, W. J., were in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Richmond visited Bradford Tuesday.

T. F. Hunziville transacted business in Bradford Tuesday.

Harry Rocker of Farmers Valley was a pleasant caller Monday.

J. M. Cotter of Eldred was a guest at the Wright House Monday.

Thomas Clark of Austin was in town Monday greeting old friends.

Mrs. A. Sturdevant and daughter, Bertha, visited Buffalo yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke transacted business in Kane Tuesday.

Judge Henry Hamlin transacted business in Reynoldsville Wednesday.

Charles Slack of Eldred was up Tuesday to attend the ratification meeting.

B. McAllister of Bradford was circulating amongst old friends here Tuesday.

Eugene Frost of Farmers Valley appeared just as happy as ever last Tuesday.

Jonathan Colegrove visited Buffalo last Saturday returning home Monday.

J. J. McCarty of Turtle Point came up Tuesday to receive congratulations.

Horace Starks of Hazelhurst was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday.

Will Ostrander started for Philadelphia Wednesday night to resume his studies.

C. A. Duke of Duke Center was over attending the convention. No chalk this time.

Horace and Scott Redfield returned last Tuesday from a week's visit in Washington, D. C.

J. M. McElroy was in town Saturday to attend the primaries, returning to Harrisburg Monday.

W. A. Ostrander brought his mother home from Buffalo the first of the week very much improved.

Ex State Senator A. F. Bannon and Maj. Hawkins of Bradford came over on the early train Tuesday.

C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany presented the same happy exterior of old while in town Tuesday.

Charles Adams, proprietor of the hotel at Larabee, was a pleasant visitor at this office last Wednesday.

John Gibbs of Ludlow and W. Campbell of Morrison kindly remembered the MINER office last Thursday.

Rev. J. W. Wright, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, now of Ulysses, was greeting old friends in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. Heller McCandless returned home yesterday accompanied by Misses Marion Rose and Charlotte Bard, of Binghamton.

E. J. Oaks, general agent of the Larkin Soap manufacturing company, of Fredonia, was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

W. F. Andrews of Gardeau was observed in town here Tuesday wearing a most satisfied smile as though he was filled with contentment.

Judge Morrison came home from Wellsboro Saturday to attend the primaries, returning to Tioga's county seat on Monday to hold the second week of court.

Mrs. T. C. Waisman of Brinson, Ga., was a very pleasant caller at this office last Friday. She will remain in this section a short time to look after business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest and daughter, Ruth; Mrs Eugenia Hamlin and daughter, Miss Nettie, and Miss Harriet Redfield and Paul Hamlin returned from an extended trip through the south, last Tuesday.

Mike Holland, the old reliable engineer on the C. & P. A. R. R., was greeting old friends in town Wednesday. Mike is the same genial, hail fellow as of old. May his life lines always fall in pleasant places.

Miss Hattie Fraley, the efficient teacher of the Rixville school, was in town the first of the week. Miss Fraley's school will soon close a successful term, and she is gaining an enviable reputation in her profession. Her many friends will welcome her home.

John Pearsall, who for the past few months has held the position of cook at the cafe in the Tracy building, resigned his position last week and returned to Coudersport Saturday. John made a host of friends in this place and will be greatly missed.

Married.

At the home of Mrs A. Nelstrum, sister of the bride, Miss Madge A. Ride of Smethport, Pa., to Mr. Chas. W. Stone of Lima, O., April 7, 1897, by Rev. C. B. Cramer, pastor of the M. E church of this place. A small, but very pleasant party of friends witnessed the ceremony at 4 p. m., after which refreshments were served. The bride wore a pale blue silk and carried Bride's roses. The bridegroom wore a suit of conventional black. Mr. Stone is a highly respected young man and of good business qualities. The best wishes of many friends follow him and his beautiful bride in their new relations. They left on the 5 p. m. train for Kima, where they intend making their future home. May success and happiness attend them.—Cridersville (O.) Record

Instantly Killed.

Peter Anderson, a Swede, of Grundy, while working at Kinzua bridge assisting in erecting a rig for the Madison Oil Co., last Monday morning, was instantly killed by a falling limb striking him on the side of the head. His skull was crushed. The deceased was an honest hard working man, aged 35 years, 8 months and 11 days. He leaves a wife and three small children. The funeral was held here Wednesday in the Swedish Lutheran church, Rev. Miller of Bradford officiating. The remains were placed in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Bucktail Reunion.

The Bucktail Regiment will hold their reunion at Smethport August 19th and 20th. The citizens of Smethport and all members of McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R., are requested to meet at the Wright House Saturday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock p. m. to make arrangements for their reception and entertainment.

H. M. CHOATE,
Commander.

A Valuable Premium.

We have just completed arrangements whereby we are enabled to offer to every subscriber, or every old subscriber who pays his subscription in advance, a copy for one year of the popular paper, The Alliance. This valuable publication is a 16-page monthly, entertaining, instructive and elevating. It will interest every member of the family and there is no one who will not be made better and happier by reason of its monthly visits. Remember it is sent free for one year to every subscriber who pays his subscription in advance.

For Rent.

A good desirable house containing 7 rooms, furnished with gas and water will be rented cheap. Fine location for a residence. Inquire of J. C. Galling. tf

Call at the Racket Store and get a loaf of Snow Flake Bread, the greatest sensation of the age. Also try our Home Made Loaf and Vienna Loaf, full weight, one and a half pound.

[illegible] Thomas of Smethport was in town [illegible] week.

MT. ALTON.

Walter Haden has erected a building to be used for a hotel at Marshburg, and has a petition out for a license.

A box car tumbled off the track at the Mt. Alton chemical works. John Kenton was slightly injured. (When?)

S. S. Washburn was at Marshburg on business. (When?)

Miss Hattie Fraley returned from Smethport to her school at Kiterville on Tuesday.

Here is a pointer for any of our readers who may be troubled with paralysis. Mr E. M. Frye, a prominent merchant of Bequea, Westmoreland county, Pa., says one of his customers who had walked with a crutch for two years, owing to partial paralysis, was cured by using Chamb rlain's Pain Balm. The man has fully recovered and is now working in the mines. Pain Balm is also famous for its cures of rheumatism. One application relieves the pain. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Clover seed $7.60, sweet corn 85c bu. We have something interesting to tell U in Democrat. Look up our adv. Racket.

Two fine top buggies and three two-seated platform wagons for sale at reasonable rates.

T. H. PURTLE.

A car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received by W. D. Gallup, Smethport.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "The only cure for hay-fever is six feet of gravel." Try Heart's Delight coffee.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

FREE EYE EXAMINATION.

Tears Without Grief,

Do you shed them?

Can you read fine print without shedding tears? Do your eyes ache when you read by lamp light? Does the wind or strong light cause them to water? If your sight is defective we can help you. We can tell you precisely how to correct the defect which your eyes suffer.

Prof. HOUSEWORTH,

Eye Specialist,

Formerly with Queen & Co., Phil'a.

At the store of

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

Smethport, Pa.

LET YOUR EYES REST HERE.

If you contemplate buying a wagon of any kind come and get prices at my shop, and I will convince you that I can make you as good a rig as you can buy elsewhere for less money. Remember I can furnish anything from a light buggy to the heaviest truck. Having placed machinery in my shop I can do better work and more of it, and for prices or repair work I am in position to give you figures that will surprise you.

PRICES FOR HEAVY WAGONS.

New tongue	$1 50
New axle	2 50
New tires	$7 00 to 8 00
New spokes	15

BUGGIES.

New tires	$4 50
New rims	4 00
New short arms	4 50
New shafts	$3 00 to 4 00
New bodies, hand-made,	4 50

In fact I can do work 25 per cent. cheaper than any other shop.

Look here, Mr. Farmer, I propose to meet you half way during these hard times. I will cut your wheels down and put on 11x4 inch bent oak rims and 5-16x4 steel tires for $14 00.

T. H. PURTLE,

Smethport, Pa.

PRESCRIPTIONS PUT UP

with scrupulous exactness. Our friend on the ladder is putting his out of reach. Unlike his, our prescriptions are within everybody's grasp. Though good as gold you can purchase them for paper money. For a trifle, too. The preparation of medicines has been our study for years. What use of a skillful Doctor if the druggist is neglectful? One is as important as the other. We fight sickness with scientific weapons. Let us restore the roses to your cheeks.

McCOYS DRUG STORE.

A. E. SMITH, M. D.

Specialist.

EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.

Office hours 1 to 3 and 7 to 8 p. m.

86 Barry St., Opp. Park, OLEAN, N. Y.

CHADWICK HOUSE.

CHARLES ADAMS, Proprietor.

First class in every respect.

Well supplied Bar.

Reasonable Rates.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Harriet Ivens, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Clinton L. Ivens, residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

CLINTON L. IVENS,
Administrator.

March 11, 1897.—6t.

MASON'S

RACKET ANNEX.

Wringers,	$1.20
Copper Boilers,	1.75
Tin Boilers, Copper Bottom,	.75 and 80
Copper, Nickle Plated, Tea Kettles	.80
Six quart Milk Pans,	.56 dozen
Ten " Pails	.15
12 " "	.20
14 " "	.25
12 " Galvanized Pails	.15
Spring Steel Harrows	10.00
Stove Pipe	.10 joint
5, 6 and 7 inch Elbows	.05
Dash Board Lanterns	.50
500 square feet Building Paper	.30
8 inch files	.05
100-Piece Dinner Set,	5.00
12-Piece Toilet Set	3.75
Buck Saws	.35
4-Tined Manure Forks	.35
5 " " "	.45
6 " " "	.50

Remember these goods are first-class goods at Racket prices.

Mason's Hardware.

TRADE AT FORD'S IT PAYS.

The Wild Flowers That Bloom in The Spring.

Are not more attractive than the ready to wear clothing that is piled high on the shelves and tables in our store. The cream of this season's make, bought at a close figure and marked at a price that will win your approval.

Spring suits, overcoats, hats and furnishing goods, the stylish correct kind. They are all here and only await your pleasure. Come in and see the new goods the first time you visit Olean.

FORD'S RED FRONT,

158 Union Street,

OLEAN, - - - - N. Y.

G. & J. TIRES

Such as are put on

Ramblers

give no trouble. No pasting to hold them on; no stirrups to lace up; no plugs to blow out. Do not creep, and cut the valves off. Rims do not blow off. So simple a child can repair a puncture.

F. C. PIERCE,

Rambler Agent, Smethport, Pa.

PRETTY TEETH

Are as essential to the beauty of every woman as they were to her Greek ancestors. Bad teeth would would make even Venus herself homely.

I can make your teeth beautiful, or make you a beautiful set of teeth, which ever is necessary. Years of experience, improved methods and the constant care and attention devoted to all branches of scientific dentistry enables me to do the best work at the least cost.

All work bears a personal guarantee from me.

Dr. F. C. Pierce,

Smethport, Pa.

COLUMBIA BICYCLES,

1897 Models, 5 per cent. Nickel Steel Tubing, Standard of the World, have no equal, $100.

1898 COLUMBIAS,

Models 40, 41 and 44, known everywhere and have no superior except to 1897 Columbias, $75

Model 42, 26-inch wheels, $65

Hartford Bicycles,

Patterns 7 and 8 reduced from $75 to $60

Patterns 9 " 10 " " 60 " 55

Equal to any bicycles made except Columbia.

We ask experts to examine them piece by piece.

OTHER HARTFORDS, $50, $45, $40.

SOME SECOND-HAND BICYCLES AT BARGAINS.

M. L. ARMSTRONG, Agent,

Smethport, Penn'a

Ice Cream Soda for Easter at Brasted's

THIS WEEK

we will talk with U on the

FURNITURE LINE.

We R offering $10 set chairs at $6.25. These R fine & elegant No. 1 goods.

Rockers, all wood, great bargins at 98c.

Cane seat Rockers, $1.40 & $2.

Wood kitchen chairs $2.31 set 6 up to $5.

Children's Rockers, high chairs and nursery chairs.

Oh, my! just think an't—a $25 3-piece bedroom suit $16.83; & a $30 antique oak set at $19.96.

Xtention table, 6 feet, $4.85 & $6.

Bamboo table $1.10 to $1.30.

Bamboo Easels 65c. to $1.35.

Screens just received.

Bamboo Palm stand, usually sells at $2.25, our prices $1.57.

Bamboo umbrella rack $2, our price $1.25.

We have a great bargin in wall clothes racks, price $1.25. We can sell them 2 U at 40c each.

Another wheel barrow load of beds this week. Come early; they wil not last long; Man'f'r closing out at half price; our price will B from $1.60 to $5 each.

I will have to apologis 2 U for the li I told U about our coffee The temptation was 2 great. We promised U coffee at 14c lb. This would have left me a profit of about 10 per ct. & as soon as the old regulars spied out our ad, out came their shingle at 13c. Howly Moses, who could have stood this pressure without going them 1 better. Well I hung out my shingle at 12c & I have C or heard no kick since. The man'f'r looses on this coffee & so do we.

Genuine Erie onion sets 14c qt. or 2 for 25c. Others sell the inferior Southern sets at 10c qt.

A. E. STICKLES,

The Racket Man

SPRAGUE BLOCK,

Smethport.

Leonard Koenig,

located near the creamery, is prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING

AND

DECORATING.

PAPER HANGING—

Always done neatly and artistically. Latest styles of paper constantly on hand from which to make your selections.

PROMPTNESS

Is a feature which characterizes this establishment. Give me a call. I shall be pleased to serve you to your entire satisfaction.

Smethport, - Penna.

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East Smethport

(Successor to H. N. Allen)

Keeps in stock a fine line of

GROCERIES
PROVISIONS
TOBACCO
and CIGARS.

Fresh Fruit

OF ALL KINDS CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Canned Fruit

OF EVERY KIND A SPECIALTY.

Be Sure To Call.

STOP AND SEE

Holder, the Grocery Man,

Opera House Block, Smethport, Pa.,

Who solicits a share of your patronage.

HIGH GRADE. LOW PRICES.

ONLY ONE WORD.

Only one little word, to say to you
Only one little message to speak;
Only one little prayer to pray,
Only one little word in my heart.

Only one little thing, to live for you,
Only one little love to give for you,
Only one little word in that heart, my sweet?

Only one song, dear, to sing with you,
Only one song of your heart,
Only one language to bring with you—
Your heart. What must are the cost?

Only one word to inquire of you—
Only one word—no more—of you,
Only one little word—"I do"—"I do"
—L. L. Hudson in "The Quilting Bee."

FAITH IN HUMAN NATURE.

A Rare Book Code That Exposes Employer Confidence in Its Customers.

It is rather surprising to find right on Park row a cafe that trusts its customers implicitly. This place has probably 500 regulars callers. It is open day and night, and is run on a system of implicit faith in the honesty of man. While not a place strictly high class, it offers what might be called a very "comfortable" meal, with trimmings before or after. Altogether, it is simply a plain place for an everyday man, with occasionally a little something extra on the bill of fare equaling anything in the city.

This, of course, can be said of hundreds of similar places, but the system of payment is something novel. The proprietor, a stout German, boasts no cashier, as there is very little cash to take in. On the cigar counter is a day-book. The customer comes in, goes to the bar chest in the corner if he wishes and takes a quiet nip out of a black bottle. Then he orders what he wants on the bill of fare. It is served quickly and neatly. He then counts up his own indebtedness and puts it opposite his name in the book, including the "nip," or a cigar, if he prefers that. He then walks serenely out, knowing no proprietor is glaring at him and no cashier calling for him to come back and make the cash register good.

This sort of childlike simplicity in running a business in the very heart of a city filled with banksters, green goods men and gold bricks without number is said to be a winning venture. Customers invariably settle weekly, Friday and Saturday being pay days, and the proprietor says he has as yet to lose a bill through deliberate fraud. A little experience with a man like that is almost enough to renew one's confidence in human nature.—New York Letter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Grant's Birthplace.

Ulysses Grant was born in a cabin home standing in a little village on the north bank of the Ohio river at a point about 26 miles east of Cincinnati. This cabin stands comparatively unchanged until about ten years ago, when it was taken down and removed to Columbus as a relic. It was a one story building of two very small rooms, with an outside chimney at one end, in the manner of southern cottages. In one room the family lived in daytime, cooking at the big fireplace and eating at a pine table. In the other room they slept.

It was almost as humble in appearance as the house in which Abraham Lincoln first saw the light. The village was called Point Pleasant, and it was indeed a beautiful place. Below the river the Ohio river curved away into blue distance, and behind it rose hills covered with tall woods of oak and walnut and ash. At that time the river was the great highway, and over its steel bright surface the stern wheel steamers United States and Simon Kenton plied amid many flatboats, like immense rooms surrounded by awkward water bugs.

At this time Point Pleasant had hopes of being a metropolis. It was deceived. It is today a very small village, at whose wharf only an occasional steamer condescends to stop. In 1830 it contained among other industries a tannery, and the business of this tannery, an ambitious, stalwart young fellow, called Jesse Grant, had been in business for himself some years before at Ravenna and was looking for a chance to begin again. Solomon had broken up his tannery and had swept away his savings—savings which represented the most unremitting toil and the most rigorous self denial—but he was once more accumulating money and was nearly ready for a second venture.—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Primitive Surgery.

It is difficult at this day to realize the horrors of a surgical operation before the discovery of anesthesia. The surgeon's knife was necessarily pitiless, and the victim could only writhe and scream under the torture. The horror of an operation, even to a hero, may be better understood by a story of Nelson, included in a paper by Dr. John Ashhurst on "Surgery Before the Days of Anesthetics," published in the Philadelphia Record:

No braver or more gallant gentleman ever lived than Admiral Viscount Nelson, and after his right elbow had been shattered by a French bullet in the assault at Tenerife he manifested the utmost courage, refusing to be taken to the nearest ship lest the sight of his injury should alarm the wife of a fellow officer whose own fate was uncertain.

When his own ship was reached, he climbed up its side without assistance, saying:

"Tell the surgeon to make haste and get his instruments. I know I must lose my right arm, so the sooner it is off the better."

"He underwent the amputation," so says a private letter of one of his midshipmen, "with the same firmness and courage that have always marked his character."

And yet so painfully was Nelson affected by the coldness of the operator's knife that when next going into action on the famous battle of the Nile he gave standing orders to his surgeons that hot water should always be kept in readiness during an engagement, so that if another operation should be required he might at least have the poor comfort of being cut with warm instruments.

The Great Eastern as a Show Ship.

The last days of the Great Eastern were certainly sad, considering the purposes for which she was designed and the great work she did in cable laying. Two years before she was broken up on the mud of the River Mersey, near Liverpool, she was on view as a show ship. One firm of Liverpool clothiers hired her for a season, and in addition to using her for its advertising purposes made use of her for catch penny shows. In the large cable tank a circus was fitted up, and performances given at so much a head, while other exhibitions of the Coney Island type were spread all over her deck.—New York Sun.

Where the Trouble Was.

"Brother," said the minister, "you should try to be content with what you have."

"I am," said the brother, who had been grumbling. "It is what I ain't got that I am dissatisfied about."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sacrilegious Contention.

A philosopher thinks that a 5 cent cigar is as good as one costing three times as much, and keeps on improving his philosophy until he believes that being dead is just as good as living.—Addison Globe.

Few perfumes have raised shouting to the dignity of a religious ceremony. In the Hindu there is no mention of shouting at all, yet the Mohammedans shower their heads in the same manner as the Hindoo.

The fortunes of India are as rich and varied as Russia's, that they can shave a man without purchasing him.

FOR STARTING THE FIRE.

The Use to Which the Fishermen Put His Discarded Nets.

In the majority of households an old newspaper is the material most commonly used to start a fire, and the adjustment of this material is a matter of considerable art. There should be enough of it to make a flame sufficient to ignite the wood laid upon it, and it should be put in with just the right degree of looseness so that the air will circulate through it and make it burn freely and to the best advantage. But there are houses in which paper is never used for this purpose—the houses of fishermen. Here, year in and year out, day after day, the fire is started with a chunk of discarded tarred netting, and there is nothing like it.

When a net gets tender, so that it is likely to burst when a body of kelp or seaweed floats against it in a tide way, or so break with a big catch of fish, it is condemned. It may be whole and look all right, but it doesn't pay to take any risks with it. Some fishermen using a considerable number of nets may have half a ton of such netting in a year. They use it to start fires, and give away some of it. Formerly they sold it for junk, and they do so now occasionally, though not so much as they did. It brings a cent a pound.

This netting has been tarred again and again with fine, thin tar and it is thoroughly saturated. The net may be 6 feet deep. A length of it is rolled up, and the roll is then flattened down. The flattened roll may be 6 inches wide, and it is cut off with an ax into chunks of perhaps a foot in length, just enough to lie nicely on the grate of a kitchen range. It is thoroughly dried before it is used. It all ignites quickly, and burns fiercely and uniformly, with a bluish flame and rather a pleasant odor. A properly laid fire with a section of old tarred netting to start it never goes out. Whoever attends to the kitchen fire in the fisherman's house prepares it, if possible, the night before and pulls a strand from the tarred netting out through the bars of the grate in front. To start the fire in the morning all that is necessary is to touch a lighted match to the end of that tarred rope yarn.

Some of this tarred netting has been sold to start the fire in locomotives. Such a thing is not unheard of as the use of cotton waste and oil for this purpose, but a sheet of old tarred netting laid over the grate bars beats the cotton waste out of sight. Still, locomotives have multiplied and tarred netting cuts no figure as a means of starting the fire in them. It is perhaps now used for that purpose, if at all, only on roads running through or near fishing districts. And, as said, it is now rarely sold. The fisherman uses it to start his own fire, and the man who has more than he wants gives to his neighbor.—New York Sun.

A Costly Joke.

A Berlin correspondent tells as true a story about a joke that resulted somewhat seriously for the man who invented it. This person was incredulous about the discriminating appreciation of wines which a distinguished friend of his claimed to possess, and to test the matter invited him to dine at a hotel whose landlord had previously been instructed to set before the connoisseur a bottle of excellent moselle. It was to bear no label or other marks to distinguish it from "vin ordinaire," and if questioned the landlord was to say that it cost only a small price. The invitation was accepted, and the plot was carried out. The guest had hardly taken a single sip from his glass, however, before he proved the injustice of his host's suspicion by exclaiming over the merit of the wine. He summoned the landlord, and on hearing that its price was 3 marks instantly ordered 1,000 bottles of the same vintage. The order was filled, and the host, rather than reveal the failure of his trick, paid the difference between the alleged and real price, which amounted to something over 4,000 marks.

English Lawyers.

In the United States the names applied to lawyers are usually attorney and counselor at law. In Great Britain there are barristers at law, who are counselors, learned in the laws, qualified and admitted to practice at the bar; solicitors, who are attorneys, advocates or counselors at law, who are authorized to practice in the English court of chancery; sergeants at law, who are lawyers of the highest rank and answer to the doctor of the civil law. Only after 16 years of practice at the bar can one become a sergeant. Queen's counsel are eminent lawyers, who are given by the government that title, and from their number all the judges are chosen.

Delicious English Muffins.

To make English muffins scald a pint of milk, and while hot add 2 ounces of butter. When lukewarm, add half a teaspoonful of salt, half an ounce of compressed yeast dissolved in 2 tablespoonfuls of warm water, and 2 cups of flour. Beat thoroughly and set aside for 2 hours. Bake in greased muffin rings on a hot griddle.—Mrs. S. T. Rogers in Ladies' Home Journal.

Sorely Deceived.

"Yes," she said bitterly, "I must confess that he deceived me as to his habits."

"Does he drink or gamble or anything of that kind?" inquired the other.

"No. Before we were wed he led me to believe that he had a habit of talking in his sleep about all his doings. And he does not."—Indianapolis Journal.

Friendships are not uncommon between the cat and dog, and have been known between a dog and a wolf, but the mutual attitude of the weasel and rat is invariably war—war that is waged to the death.

The telegraph lines of the world aggregate 1,040,123 miles. America has more than half—548,832 miles.

If your children are troubled with colds, croup or whooping cough, you will be interested in the statement of Mr. J. A. Noll, Jr. & Bro., large general merchants at Pleasant Gap, Pa. Mr. Noll says: "Whenever my children are affected with croup I give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and it always effects a prompt cure. My customers like this remedy very much, and there are some who say it has been the means of saving their children's lives. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport Pa.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Blackwell of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema, and all skin affections. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong.

Not only saves lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but all chronic coughs and throat troubles may be thoroughly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

FOR BETTER FARMING.

Co-Operational Schemes Proposed For New York State.

For three years Professor Bailey of Cornell university has had charge of the work begun under the Nixon bills and restricted to certain parts of the state of New York. He now announces that the period of experiment is at an end and the methods tested are recommended for enlargement. Professor Bailey, in a talk with a Buffalo Express correspondent, gave a resume of the work done and the policy he will recommend. To begin with, four methods of instructing farmers to better farming have been experimented with. First of these is the publication and free distribution of bulletins reporting results of investigations, causes and means of prevention of insects, pests, etc. The second method is that of establishing "model farms" in different localities. The other two methods under trial have been forms of school teaching, one of teaching the farmers and the other of teaching their children. The last owes its origin to the Society for the Promotion of Agriculture.

In extending the work begun under the Nixon bills the first thing necessary is the preparation of teachers. In this Cornell university will take the lead. Aside from graduates any one interested in agriculture can find free instruction here in dairy husbandry, veterinary science and horticulture. Second, every normal school in the state except one has agreed to add to its required curriculum a course destined to prepare its graduates to give instruction in nature study to the children in the district schools. Textbooks will be needed, and the agricultural experiment station at Cornell will meet the need by a special series of bulletins, which, under the franking privilege, can be placed free of charge in the hands of every district school teacher in the state.

When the work is extended from 22 counties to the entire state, and from horticulture merely, to which the provisions of the Nixon bills have hitherto been confined, to general agriculture, the thing gets too big to be carried on along with the regular university duties. Professor Bailey will therefore recommend the establishment of a state bureau of correspondence and instruction. Under this bureau all sections of the state would be coherently organized. One, two or three hours weekly of instruction in nature study in the district schools is to be provided for by law. Cornell will come in as an agency for investigating difficult problems and supplying clearly written information regarding them in franked bulletins. The university will be ready to send a scientific expert to the spot wherever new plant disease shows itself, or there are peculiar local conditions. There are other items to be recommended by Professor Bailey, such as the preparation of a sort of Chautauqua home reading course for farmers and the formation of a little library of standard works on agricultural topics in every district schoolhouse.

Miscellaneous Fodder Crops.

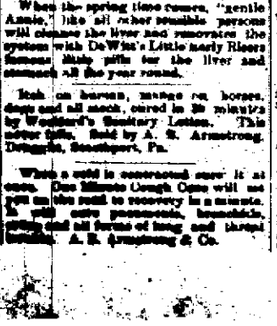
Soja beans, green and black varieties, grown at the Vermont station since 1893 have proved satisfactory. No other leguminous food crop has given better returns in tonnage of green fodder, dry matter or protein. The green variety yielded at the rate of 6¼ tons green and 2 tons dry fodder and nearly one-quarter of a ton of protein to the acre. Good growths were made of hairy and spring vetches, with and without oats, but after experience with these crops for several years at the Vermont station they are considered unequal to peas and oats. Serradella yielded about a ton of dry matter per acre and is recommended as a promising forage crop that is rich in protein.

Cod Liver Oil as a Food Adjunct.

It is said that cod liver oil is being recommended in England in rations for milk cows, pigs and dogs. It is claimed that it increases the fat content of the milk without injuriously affecting the quality. Being an animal fat, it is said to be more easily digestible than many vegetable fats used in rations for calves and is recommended for that purpose. Experiments are suggested on its effect on the quality of meat, milk and bacon by a station bulletin.

Good Front Gate.

Here's a gate for the front yard that neither the dog nor the hogs can open nor the boys leave open after them. At least that is the recommendation given by The Farm Journal, from which this cut is reproduced:



AN ADVANTAGEOUS GATE.

The upper hinge is simply an ordinary hook and eye. B is the lower one (enlarged), which does the shutting. It has two curved branches, with a half circle at the end of each, which abut against two square staples, driven into the post a little each side of the middle. The gate opens either way, and when open rests on one or the other of the curved branches and its corresponding staple. When shut, it rests on both. The latch is simply a straight piece of iron pivoted at the back end that it may play up and down, and when the gate "slams" slide up over the sloping end of the catch A and drop into the notch in the middle.

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ASSESSMENT

For the Year 1897.

The Commissioners and Assessors of McKean county have completed the assessment of taxables in their respective districts, and the same will be open to inspection at the Commissioners' office in Smethport, Pa., from January 1st to January 31st, 1897, inclusive.

Appeals will be heard by the Commissioners on the first Monday in February, 1897, at which time and place all persons dissatisfied with their assessments must present their appeals or they will be debarred.

The following is a statement of the aggregate valuation of the several districts in the county, as returned by the Assessors, and will be the basis of taxation for the year 1897, as follows:

BRADFORD CITY.

Class.	Name.	Tax and Costs
14	Anselmo, J	7 75
14	Auerbahn, S	7 75
14	Albert, M W	7 75
13	Alden, J B	10 75
14	Adamson, W	7 75
14	Allegretti, P A	7 75
14	Ammons, Henry	7 75
14	Brown, T	7 75
13	Bell, Fay Goods Co	10 75
14	Barnes, A D	7 75
13	Brennan & Davis	10 75
13	Brown, B	10 75
14	Baldwin & Philadelphia	7 75
14	Blossom & Tow	7 75
14	Bishop & Mathews	7 75
13	Beal, Squires & Co	10 75
14	Borland & Co	7 75
13	Bailey, L	10 75
14	Brink, L M	7 75
13	Boyle & Williams	10 75
14	Bennett, G G	7 75
14	Burchfield, J M	7 75
14	Bissett, J J	7 75
14	Bate, Samuel	7 75
13	Bodine, G A	10 75
14	Butterfield, J A	7 75
14	Brandt, S	7 75
13	Bovard & Seyfang M'f'g Co	10 75
14	Berwald, S	7 75
14	Collins, N R & Co	7 75
13	Colin Inn	10 75
14	Cass, J H	7 75
14	Cain, Wolf	7 75
14	Cheyne, H C	7 75
14	Chappell, F B	7 75
14	Carr, H C	7 75
14	Casey, D L & Son	7 75
14	Citizens' Market	7 75
14	Degeller, M A	7 75
14	Davis & Cottrell	7 75
14	Dibbets, H	7 75
14	Davis, W L	7 75
14	Davis, O E	7 75
13	Drew, D T	10 75
14	Smith, F	7 75
14	Dunninger, C H	7 75
14	Dooley, J	7 75
14	Katz & Erb	7 75
14	Sharry, L, Jr & Co	7 75
14	Ertz & Joseph	7 75
14	Field, W F	7 75
14	Fuller, L A & Co	7 75
14	Funderburk, B	7 75
14	Fox, J B	7 75
14	Friedenberg, H	7 75
14	Fellows, B B & Co	7 75
14	Gagnan & Green	7 75
14	Gratz, C	7 75
14	Gates, Swinson	7 75
14	Greenwald & Co	7 75
14	Goodwin, J J	7 75
14	Greek American Confectionery	7 75
14	Greek American Fruit Co	7 75
14	Gee, H B	7 75
14	Hawes, G F	7 75
14	Hamilton, Ellis	7 75
14	Griffith, T M & Son	7 75
14	Gaddy & Gray	7 75
14	Gosslin, H E	7 75
14	Hopson, H E	7 75
14	Hughes, M H	7 75
14	Hart, W D	7 75
14	Hatch, W B, Main St	7 75
14	Healy, D	7 75
14	Hutchinson, W A	7 75
14	Hammond, G H & Co	7 75
14	Healey, John	7 75
14	Hecker, Jacob	7 75
14	Hawkins & Jewell	7 75
14	Hempstead, A J	7 75
14	Hartshorn, A T	7 75
14	Hatch, W B, Mechanic St	7 75
14	Heatherote & German	7 75
14	Hyde, J	7 75
14	Hinman, R F	7 75
14	Hefner & Sons	7 75
14	Hufnagel, J F	7 75
14	Irvin, B F	7 75
14	Johnson, B F	7 75
14	Johnson, John	7 75
14	Johnson & Ruddy	7 75
14	Jacobs, T	7 75
14	Erwinson, J	7 75
14	Kingsley, W N	7 75
14	Kelly, Otto	7 75
14	Kidwell & McClellan	7 75
14	Kettle, Ed & Co	7 75
14	Kane, D J	7 75
14	Levy, S S	7 75
14	Lane, F	7 75
14	Lloyd, W H & V	10 75
14	Lowenthal, P L	7 75
14	Lacourse, F	7 75
14	Lewis, W J	7 75
14	Leonard, J F	7 75
14	Lewis & Co	7 75
14	Lewis, T	7 75
14	Loveless & Schiever	7 75
14	Lavelle, D S	7 75
14	Lewis, Fred H	7 75
14	Lewis, Ed	7 75
14	Meyers, A & Co	7 75
14	Mabee, T	7 75
14	McFarland, A P	7 75
13	Marks Clothing Co	10 75
14	McKinley Brothers	7 75
14	Mahinney, James	7 75
13	Mutual Life Company, Ltd	10 75
14	Meyers, John	7 75
14	Myrose, C H	7 75
14	Miller, M H	7 75
14	McIntyre, R F	7 75
14	Malerne, L	7 75
14	Merriam, James	7 75
14	Neally, J W	7 75
13	Nusbaum & Steinberger	10 75
14	Newby, W C	7 75
14	Nichols & McClintick	7 75
14	Nusbaum, M L	7 75
9	Oil Well Supply Co	25 75
14	Oxley, W H	7 75
14	O'Donnell, Ark Estate	7 75
14	Onofrio, J	7 75
14	Orange, C	7 75
14	Orange, C H	7 75
13	Pierce, Ard W Co	10 75
14	Pitts, A	7 75
14	Pirkle, L & S	7 75
14	Paul & Lyman	7 75
14	Pierce, Harry	7 75
14	Peterson & Backman	7 75
14	Phillips, R, No. 1 Main St	7 75
14	Phillips, R, No. 2 Washington St	7 75
14	Powers, M L	7 75
14	Rothstein, H F	7 75
14	Rosenberger, H	7 75
13	Rothstein & Lippman Bros	10 75
14	Rosenthal, B	7 75
14	Ross, Lewis	7 75
14	Robinson, W S	7 75
14	Rozalsky, J	7 75
14	Rank, D H	7 75
14	Rickard & Walrath	7 75
14	Rothstein, Jos	7 75
14	Rocket Store	7 75
14	Spangler, G W, Agt	7 75
14	Salisbury, E P & Co	7 75
14	Simons, A E	7 75
14	Sloan & Erwin	10 75
14	Smith, Bros	7 75
14	Silverstein, F	7 75
14	Snyder, C	7 75
14	Silfsky & Scott	7 75
14	Singer Sewing Machine Co	7 75
14	Sturm, Rush & Goucher	7 75
14	Swift & Company	7 75
14	Simpson, A	7 75
14	Tamosius, C	7 75
14	Thompson & Wood	7 75
14	Terrell Bros	10 75
14	Union Pacific Tea Co	7 75
14	VanVorris, H A	7 75
14	Weiss, John	7 75
14	Whitestone, D	7 75
14	Whitestone, D	7 75
14	Walsh, J	7 75
14	Williams, G A	7 75
14	Weaver Bros	7 75
14	Washburn, M A	7 75
14	Ward & Riley	7 75
14	Weiss, Bros	7 75
14	Wilson, W A	7 75
14	Wickenkamp, C	7 75
14	Wagner, C	7 75
14	Wynkoop, L M	7 75
14	Woodworth Bros	7 75
14	Zook & Co	7 75
14	Acres, Rathbone	7 75
14	Hamilton, H F	7 75
14	Hamilton, R	7 75
14	Miller, A & son	7 75
14	Kent, P A	7 75

Brokers.

14	Mayo Bros	7 75
14	Higgins, W C	7 75

Real Estate Dealers.

14	Allen, A E	7 75
14	Bolton, Andy	7 75
14	Church, E L	7 75
14	Heath, J C	7 75
14	Kennedy, C H	7 75

Eating Houses.

8	Fagenbrat & O'Donnell	5 75
8	McGourty, N W	5 75
8	Nelson, N P	5 75
8	Jarmes, J B	5 75
8	Russell, John	5 75
8	Wilson, T H	5 75
8	Weaver Bros	5 75

Billiard Tables.

	Bradley, F E, 6 tables	40 75
	Bovard, W Jr, Agt, 8 tables	50 75
	Baker, F C, 4 tables	30 75
	Bow, J C, 3 tables	30 75
	Delaney & Matteson, 4 tables	30 75
	Holly, F P, 4 tables	30 75
	Keefer Bros, 3 tables	30 75
	O'Hern, Daniel, 3 tables	30 75

Bowling Alleys.

	Wood, W C, 3 alleys	30 75

EAST BRADFORD.

14	Andrews, D P	7 75
14	Blickford, F A	7 75
14	Boyer, H	7 75
14	Brown, T D	7 75
13	Cushing & Meldrum	10 75
14	Clark, E S	7 75
14	Calhoun, John & Son	7 75
14	Donelan, C	7 75
14	Hanna, H	7 75
14	Hagan, M A	7 75
14	Hanlon, W N	7 75
14	Moulton, A D	7 75
14	Black & Morrow	7 75
14	Sparrow, C	7 75
14	Thiessen, M	7 75
14	Musser, C H	7 75

Billiard Tables.

	Newcomb, H, 2 tables	40 75

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Turtle Point.

14	Kemps, T L	7 75
14	Taylor, James	7 75

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

Custer City.

14	Conger & Co	7 75
14	Dakin, L	7 75
14	Tibbits, S D	7 75

CERES TOWNSHIP.

Ceres.

14	Conn, O P	7 75
14	Grow & Roberts	7 75

Myrtle.

14	Holly, W W	7 75

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

Sugar Run.

14	Scant & Holden	7 75

ELDRED TOWNSHIP.

State Line Mills.

14	Georgia & Co	7 75

Indian Creek.

14	Hitts, H H	7 75

Larabee.

14	Layton, J H	7 75

Sartwell.

14	Kane, Thomas	7 75
14	Jones Pirate	7 75

ELDRED BOROUGH.

	[illegible]	40 75
	[illegible]	7 75
	[illegible]	7 75

Eating Houses.

	Patrick Gull	5 75

Billiards.

	H H Walsh, 4 tables	60 75

FOSTER TOWNSHIP.

Derrick City.

14	Johnson & Johnson	7 75

Gilmore.

14	Brown, S	7 75
14	Huston & Sell	7 75
14	McKay, M	7 75
14	Norton, M	7 75

Dallas City.

14	Hughes, J C	7 75

Summit City.

14	Jaynes, J M	7 75

Sawyer City.

14	Woodard, G H	7 75

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

Lantz.

14	Lantz, N P	7 75

Palmerville.

14	Palmer, H & Son	7 75

Ranesholm.

14	Johnson, L M & Son	7 75

Hazel Hurst.

14	Healey, M J	7 75
14	Phillips, S A	7 75

Kushequa.

13	Kane, Elisha K	10 75

Griffith.

14	Brown, W A	7 75
14	Wamsly, H & Son	7 75

Hutchins.

14	Wilmot, J R, Ag't	7 75

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

Ludlow.

12	Curtis, J G	13 25
12	Johnson & Oles	10 75
14	Swanson, S	7 75
14	Smith, M T	7 75
14	Freedman & Epstein	7 75

Billiards.

	Anderson, A, 4 tables	60 75

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

Aiken.

14	Ehret, John	7 75
14	Kepler, P S	7 75

Davis City.

14	Murray, G C	7 75

Simpson.

14	Finnessey Bros	7 75

Orms